
Delivering Australia's National Curriculum

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Professor Barry McGaw is the Chair of Australia's new National Curriculum Board which has responsibility for developing Australia's first national curriculum in English, mathematics, the sciences and history.

The task will be a challenge but it is a task that should be seen in the context of increased international competition – both economic competition and competition in educational performance.

For the last 30 years there has been debate about the need for a national curriculum in Australia. Australia's current curriculum landscape is complex and varied, with each Australian State and Territory having responsibility for developing and implementing its own curriculum arrangements.

Professor McGaw will outline the key benefits and risks of a national curriculum and will discuss how the National Curriculum Board will work with Australia's education community to develop national curriculum by 2010. The presentation will interest principals, teachers and other education